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1. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL PRESIDENCY --

UK MISSION OFFICER QUERIED US ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE JUNE TC SESSION, WHICH WILL BE DEALING EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE US-ADMINISTERED TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. HE ASKED IF WE WOULD WANT AMB MURRAY (UK CHARGE) TO ASSUME PRESIDENCY AGAIN. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 495)

2. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

THE COMMISSION INFORMALLY AGREED FEB. 22 TO EXPAND TO 16 THE LIST OF PRIVATE PERSONS TO ASSIST IT, ADDING ONE AFRICAN THE LIST OF 15 PERSONS PROPOSED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SAHLGREN WAS APPROVED WITH MFINANGA (TANZANIA) ADDED AS THE ADDITIONAL AFRICAN CANDIDATE AND SOMAVIA (CHILE) SUBSTITUTED FOR MASTERO (ARGENTINA). SAHLGREN HOPES TO CONVENE A RESUMED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS FEB. 25, TO FORMALLY APPROVE THE LIST. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 496)

3. UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP --
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DURING THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSION FEB. 22 OF THE SECRETARIAT'S ANALYTICAL STUDY CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GA AND SC AND SC PROCEDURES, POLAND, TURKEY, USSR, FRANCE AND ITALY FAVORED PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN GA AND SC. MEXICO PROPOSED PERMANENT MEMBERS PRACTICE SELF-RESTRAINT IN USING VETO, AND COLOMBIA SAID VETO SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO ADMISSIONS OR SENDING OF FACT-FINDING TEAMS. KENYA, CONGO, YUGOSLAVIA, SIERRA LEONE, IRAN, GHANA AND TUNISIA CITED "ABUSES OF THE VETO." ROMANIA REPEATED PROPOSAL TO EXPAND SC AND GIVE VETO TO ROTATING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. USSR, GDR, POLAND, UK AND FRANCE SAID PRESENT RIGHT OF VETO REFLECTED WORLD REALITY. INDIA THOUGHT VETO DISCRIMINATORY BUT IT SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR TIME BEING. US POINTED OUT IT WAS IMPORTANT SC HAVE SUPPORT OF KEY PARTICIPANTS. US ALSO NOTED MANY WHO STRONGLY DEFENDED "UNIVERSALITY" REFUSED EVEN TO INSCRIBE APPLICATION FROM STATE MEMBER OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INITIATED

DRIVES IN GA AND AGENCIES TO EXPEL UN MEMBERS. CHINA
CASTIGATED USSR FOR TRYING TO INTIMIDATE THIRD WORLD
STATES SUGGESTING CHARTER CHANGES, AND THOUGHT REASONABLE
SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND GRADUALLY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL
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4. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

DEBATE ON REMOTE SENSING DATA DISSEMINATION CONTINUED IN
THE SUBCOMMITTEE FEB. 18, WITH USSR, GDR, ROMANIA AND INDIA
ARGUING FOR RESTRICTIVE POLICY AND AUSTRIA, ITALY, JAPAN AND
US ADVOCATING OPEN DISSEMINATION. SOVIETS (FEDOROV)
OUTLINED THEIR CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
AND CHALLENGED US COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL REMOTE
SENSING. USDEL (DOYLE) STRONGLY REBUTTED SOVIET CHARGES
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THROUGH IN-DEPTH COMPARISON OF US AND SOVIET APPROACHES.
CANADA PROVIDED BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON REMOTE SENSING
WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS DEVELOPING WORKING PAPERS ON:
(A) ROLE OF UN IN PREOPERATIONAL PHASE OF REMOTE SENSING;
(B) DEFINITION OF "DATA" AND "INFORMATION"; AND
(C) DEFINITION OF "RESOLUTION."

MANY DELEGATIONS ENCOURAGED FURTHER STUDIES REGARDING
POSSIBLE COMPONENTS OF UN COORDINATING ROLE IN
REMOTE SENSING. BROAD SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED FOR UN-
OPERATED INTERNATIONAL CENTER WHICH COULD PERHAPS
PERFORM SEVERAL ROLES, E.G., INFORMATION EXCHANGE,
CATALOGUING SPACE APPLICATIONS AND TRAINING FOR LDC'S. US
SAID UN SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL CENTERS WAS
HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE, PROVIDED IMPLEMENTATION REMAINED
WITHIN LIMITS OF EXISTING BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND
AVOIDED UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION; AND RECOMMENDED SECRETARIAT
CONDUCT COST BENEFIT STUDIES OF ALTERNATIVES RE REGIONAL
CENTERS BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION MADE. INDIA SUGGESTED
THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZE SECRETARIAT TO COMMISSION
A STUDY OUTLINING NATURAL RESOURCES PROBLEMS SUSCEPTIBLE
TO REMOTE SENSING AND ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANT RESOLUTION
REQUIREMENTS. UK ALSO CALLED FOR STUDY ALONG SIMILAR LINES,
BUT THOUGHT IT PROBABLY COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE
SECRETARIAT AND NEED NOT INVOLVE FURTHER FINANCING OR
AUTHORIZING OF FUNDS. (USUN 497)

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5. REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP --

IN WORKING GROUP (WG), WHICH IS PARTICIPATED IN BY MOST MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE AT THIS SESSION, CANADIAN/SWEDISH EFFORTS TO KEEP DEFINITIONS OF TERMS ON BASIS OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. PROPOSED SOVIET DEFINITIONS RECEIVED NO ATTENTION OR SUPPORT AS OF FEB. 18. IN JOINT EFFORT WITH CANADA, SWEDEN, INDIA AND USSR, USDEL FORMULATED DEFINITIONS OF "DATA" AND "INFORMATION" WHICH WERE WIDELY ACCEPTED AT WG LEVEL. SOVIETS CONTINUED TO ARGUE STRONGLY THERE IS NO DEMONSTRABLE, LEGITIMATE NEED IN THE CONTEXT OF "PEACEFUL USES" FOR DATA OF GREATER RESOLUTION THAN 50 METERS, BUT FEB. 18 CHANGED TACK AND SAID NO ONE COULD CLAIM A LEGITIMATE PEACEFUL USE REQUIRING MORE THAN 50 METERS RESOLUTION FOR WHICH PERMISSION WOULD NOT BE READILY GRANTED FOR DISSEMINATION. THIS REVISION LED TO IMMEDIATE DISTINCTION BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL NEEDS AND PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES TO INFORMATION. AT CLOSE OF FEB. 18 WG MEETING, SOVIETS WERE LARGELY ISOLATED ON NEED FOR 50 METER CUT-OFF. THERE WAS AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF INDIA'S SUGGESTION THAT A STUDY BE COMMISSIONED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO LOOK AT TECHNICAL BASES FOR ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF DATA, AND A SMALL GROUP OF INTERESTED DELEGATIONS AT TWO-HOUR MEETING FEB. 21 REACHED CONSENSUS THAT A STUDY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 500)

6. NEW HAITIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE --

HAITIAN MISSION OFFICER SERGE ELIE CHARLES DESIGNATED AS HAITIAN PERM REP, USUN LEARNED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 498)

7. GREEK DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE -- CORRECTION

ON ITEM 5 OF USUN'S DAILY CLASSIFIED SUMMARY NO. 28, FEB. 18 (USUN 0492), ENTITLED "CONDUCT OF GREEK DEPUTY PERMANENT CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRESENTATIVE," THE NAME IN LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE STOFOROPOULOS (NOT STAVROPOULOS) SO THAT THE SENTENCE READS: "GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG WEO'S IS THAT STOFOROPOULOS' ANTI-WESTERN BIAS IS LARGELY FUNCTION OF HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEWS AND AMBITIONS; ..." BENNETT

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